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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Rambabu Bavirisetty

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: KCOG 2000/01 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 2

We have completed our review of the Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) Amendment No. 2 to its 2000/01 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated March 27, 2001. The amendment was adopted by KCOG on February 15, 2001. This amendment modifies or adds several Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), State Highway Operation and Protection Improvement Program (SHOPP), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 projects.

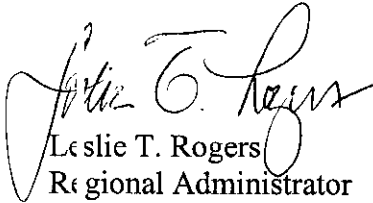
The amendment also contains the addition of a Rail Program project (Sunset Railway Rehabilitation) that is being included solely for illustrative purposes at this time and is not subject to financial constraint provisions. If this project eventually receives funding the FTIP would need to be amended at that time to insert it into the financially constrained portion of the program.

We accept this KCOG amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

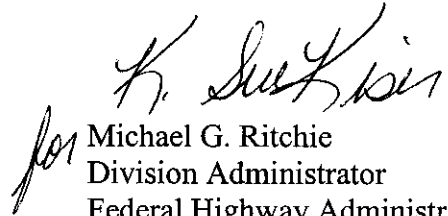
This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of KCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 2 into California's 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,



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